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Please replace page 9, line 13 - page 10, line 6 with
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Figure 1 is a schematic showing the biosynthetic
pathway leading to the production of various PUFAs.

Figure 2 is the nucleotide sequence of *sdd17* (SEQ ID
NO: 25), a gene derived from *S. diclina* (ATCC 56851) that
encodes a novel ω 3-fatty acid desaturase.